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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

FROM:

Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Secretary of Defense Harold Brown on 18 September 1978

1. The DCI has promised Comptroller General Elmer Staats that he (the DCI) will take up the issue of compartmented clearances for GAO people with the Secretary of Defense. You may want to go over a few points on this with the Director when you meet with him on Monday morning. Two letters related to this subject are either on their way to the Director or are already in his office. I have attached these so that you can show the Director how they relate to one another.

2. There is a letter from the DCI to Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Admiral Daniel J. Murphy thanking him for his support of the new compartmented clearances program and indicating that Murphy's suggestions on this subject have been referred to you. There is also a letter from the DCI to Staats which attempts to put their recent discussions on the issue of compartmented clearances into the context of the Guidelines and Procedures. A copy of the Guidelines and Procedures themselves is also attached for the Director's information.

3. I think that the main points of understanding to be reached by the DCI and the Secretary of Defense are:

--that the new Guidelines and Procedures do provide for compartmented clearances for the GAO upon the personal approval of the DCI following a written request from a Congressional committee chairman and the endorsement of the department or agency involved.

An example of a letter from House Appropriations Committee Chairman Mahon to DOD and DOD's memorandum of endorsement to the DCI's Legislative Counsel is attached. This is the same procedure that should be followed for GAO clearances.

--The Director may also want to discuss with Secretary Brown Staats' willingness to agree to certain limitations regarding the nature and duration of compartmented clearances for GAO people. This is also attached.



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